IN THE CLAIMS

Pending claims 1 and 9 have been amended. In a separate document accompanying this Response, a copy of the pending claims is presented. Claims 6-8 have been canceled. The remaining pending claims are unchanged.

As Applicant advances his case toward a patentable conclusion, he prosecutes and respectfully requests the Honorable Examiner to reconsider the claims objected to in the First Office Action.

The claims have been changed as follows:

- 1) (currently amended) A motorized chalk line apparatus comprising:
- a) a housing including an aperture having a portion of said a chalk line extending therefrom;
 - b) a spool compartment within said housing further comprising:
- i) a first stub axle extending inward from a first side of said spool compartment; and
- ii) a second stub axle extending inward from a second side of said spool compartment;
- c) a chalk reservoir in proximity to said spool compartment communicating with said housing's aperture having said chalk line extending therefrom, wherein said chalk reservoir further comprises:
- i) a first opening through which chalk is added to said chalk reservoir; and
 - ii) a second opening communicating with said spool compartment;

- d) a spool comprising:
- i) a hollow for engaging extending from said first stub axle and to said second stub axle; and
 - ii) a driven gear;
- e) a winding of said chalk line about said spool, wherein at least a portion of said chalk line extends through said second opening and said housing's aperture;
- f) a drive for engaging said driven gear, wherein said drive rotates said spool to wind said chalk line about said spool;
 - g) an electrical motor communicating with said housing and said drive;
- h) a battery communicating with said housing and linked to said electrical motor;
- i) a switch communicating with said housing for activating said electrical motor; and
 - j) a stop at the an outward most portion of said chalk line.
 - 6) Please cancel.
 - 7) Please cancel.
 - 8) Please cancel.

- 9) (currently amended) A motorized chalk line apparatus comprising:
- a) a housing including an aperture having a portion of said a chalk line extending therefrom;
 - b) a spool compartment contained within said housing further comprising:
- i) a first stub axle extending inward from a first side of said spool compartment; and
- ii) a second stub axle extending inward from a second side of said spool compartment and opposite said first stub axle;
- c) a chalk reservoir joining said spool compartment and communicating with said housing's aperture having said chalk line extending therefrom, wherein said chalk reservoir further comprises:
- i) a first opening through which chalk is added to said chalk reservoir; and
 - ii) a common opening with said spool compartment;
 - d) a spool comprising:
- i) a hollow for engaging extending from said first stub axle and to said second stub axle; and
 - ii) a driven gear;
- e) a winding of said chalk line about said spool, wherein at least a portion of said chalk line extends through said common opening and said housing's aperture;
 - f) a drive for engaging said driven gear:
- i) for rotating said spool to wind said chalk line about said spool, when said drive is energized; or

1	1)	(curre	ntly ame	nded) A	motoriz	zed chalk	line app	aratus co	mprisin	g:	
2		a)	a housi	ng includ	ling an	aperture	having	a portion	n of sai	d <u>a</u> chal	k line
3	extending the	refrom;									
4	•	b)	a spool	compartn	nent wit	thin said	housing	further co	omprisir	ıg: .	
5			i)	a first stu	b axle	extending	g inward	from a	first sid	of said	spool
6	compartment;	and									
7			ii)	a second	stub ax	le extend	ding inw	ard from	a secoi	nd side o	of said
8	spool compart	lment;									
9		c)	a chalk	reservoir	in prox	imity to	said spo	ol compa	rtment o	ommuni	cating
10	with said hou	sing's	aperture	having sa	aid chal	lk line e	ktending	therefro	m, whe	ein said	chalk
11	reservoir furth	ner com	prises:								
12			i)	a first o	pening	through	which	chalk is	added	to said	chalk
13	reservoir; and										
14			ii)	a second	opening	g commu	nicating	with said	spool c	o mpartm	ent;
15		d)	a spool	comprisi	ng:						
16			i)	a hollow	for eng	aging ex	tending	from said	d first st	ub axle	and to
17	said second st	ub axle	; and								
18		٠	ii)	a driven g	gear;						
19		e)	a wind	ng of said	d chalk	line abo	ut said s	pool, wh	erein at	least a p	ortion
20	of said chalk l	line ext	ends thro	ugh said s	second o	opening a	and said	housing'	s apertu	re;	
21		f)	a drive	for enga	iging sa	id drive	n gear,	wherein	said dri	ve rotate	s said
22	spool to wind	said ch	alk line	bout said	spool;						
23		σl	an elec	rical mote	or comr	nunicatir	o with s	aid housi	ng and s	said drive	e:

1		h)	a battery communicating with said housing and linked to said electrical				
2	motor;						
3		i)	a switch communicating with said housing for activating said electrical				
4	motor; and						
5		j)	a stop at the an outward most portion of said chalk line.				
6	2)	(origi	nal) The invention of claim 1 wherein said chalk reservoir further				
7	comprises a slide positioned about said first opening.						
8	3)	(origin	nal) The invention of claim 2 wherein said stop further comprises an				
9	anchor.						
10	4)	(origi	nal) The invention of claim 3 wherein said drive further comprises a				
11	drive gear for	drive gear for engaging said driven gear.					
12	5)	(origi	nal) The invention of claim 4 wherein said switch is a contact switch.				
13	6)	(cance	eled).				
14	7)	(cance	eled).				
15	8)	(cance	eled).				
16	9)	(curre	ently amended) A motorized chalk line apparatus comprising:				
17		a)	a housing including an aperture having a portion of said a chalk line				
18	extending the	refrom	;				
19		b)	a spool compartment contained within said housing further comprising:				
20			i) a first stub axle extending inward from a first side of said spool				
21	compartment	; and					
22			ii) a second stub axle extending inward from a second side of said				
23	spool compar	rtment a	and opposite said first stub axle;				

1	c)	a cha	Ik reservoir joining said spool compartment and communicating		
2	with said housing's aperture having said chalk line extending therefrom, wherein said chalk				
3	reservoir further comprises:				
4		i)	a first opening through which chalk is added to said chalk		
5	reservoir; and				
6		ii)	a common opening with said spool compartment;		
7	d)	a spoo	ol comprising:		
8		i)	a hollow for engaging extending from said first stub axle and to		
9	said second stub a	xle; and			
10		ii)	a driven gear;		
11	e)	a win	ding of said chalk line about said spool, wherein at least a portion.		
12	of said chalk line	extends th	rough said common opening and said housing's aperture;		
13	f)	a driv	re for engaging said driven gear:		
14		i)	for rotating said spool to wind said chalk line about said spool,		
15	when said drive is	energized	l; or		
16		ii)	for allowing said chalk line to be pulled out of said housing's		
17	aperture, when sa	id drive is	deenergized;		
18	. g)	an ele	ectrical motor communicating with said housing and said drive;		
19	h)	a batt	tery communicating with said housing and linked to said electrical		
20	motor;				
21	i)	a swi	itch communicating with said housing for actuating said electrical		
22	motor;				
23	j)	a stop	o at the an outward most portion of said chalk line; and		

1	k) a recharging circuit communicating with said housing and linked to said					
2	battery for recharging said battery.					
3	10) (original) The invention of claim 9 wherein said stop further comprises an					
4	anchor.					
5	11) (original) The invention of claim 10 wherein said chalk reservoir further					
6	comprises a slide positioned about said first opening.					
7	12) (original) The invention of claim 11 wherein said drive further comprises a					
8	drive gear for engaging said driven gear.					
9	13) (original) The invention of claim 12 wherein said switch is a contact					
10	switch.					
11	14) (original) The invention of claim 13 further comprising a recharging base					
12	unit for said motorized chalk line apparatus.					
13	15) (original) The invention of claim 14 wherein said recharging base unit					
14	further comprises a junction fitted to reciprocate with a pair of exposed contacts of said					
15	recharging circuit.					
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